

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 and amend claims 13-21 to read as follows:

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13. In a sheet-like member fixing device comprising a rod like male thread and a female thread the improvement wherein the male lead thread has a hook on its one end portion and is screwed into the female thread, wherein the female thread is tightened after passing the male thread through a hole of a sheet-like member, and wherein the sheet-like member is supported by sandwiching it between the hook and the female thread.

14. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 13, wherein the male thread is passed through the hole from its hook's side.

15. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 14, wherein the hook is substantially square to the male thread.

16. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 15, wherein the male thread is fixed in the direction substantially perpendicular to the hook while the hook is

brought in close contact with the surface of the sheet-like member.

17. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 15, wherein the hook points to one direction.

Amended
18. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 15, wherein the edge of the hook fixed in the direction substantially perpendicular to the male thread is beveled.

19. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 13, wherein a handle is provided to the other end of the male thread.

20. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 19, wherein the handle is shaped like a ring.

21. The sheet-like member fixing device according to claim 13, wherein the female thread can be screwed down by hand.